

# Helping Youth Maximize their Agricultural eXperience (HYMAX)

## Small Group Leader Application

### HYMAX 2025

Are you a mentor to leaders in Agriculture, FFA, and your community? Do you enjoy teaching youth about agriculture and motivating them to succeed? If you answered YES, the HYMAX Academy Small Group Leader position is for you! HYMAX is a youth leadership conference designed for promising ninth grade students to reach their full potential. It is designed to prepare these FFA members for future leadership roles, self-awareness, agricultural career exploration, and advocacy for agriculture. In addition, you assist these members to gain key strategies for SAE development, written and verbal communication skills, and career development. Most importantly, you will challenge and inspire the 100 FFA members attending to take home tools to help them and their chapters achieve greater success!

In 2025, the top FFA Greenhands (up to a maximum of 100 students) will be selected to participate. Missouri FFA is seeking 10 excellent college students to serve as Small Group Leaders. Here these 10 college students will work with 10 students in a smaller setting during HYMAX. Each group will work on an current Agricultural Issue and present both sides of the topic in a fun and engaging way.

**HYMAX 2025 will be held June 13-13, 2025 at Camp Rising Sun at the Lake of the Ozarks.** A map and directions will be provided to the selected group leaders.

To apply as a Small Group Leader, please submit your written application, two letters of recommendation, and university transcript (does not have to be official) to the **Missouri FFA office by February 15, 2025.** Please indicate on your application your email address that you can be contacted now and the NEW contact information IF it will change during the summer months. You will receive lodging, meals, leadership materials, and an HYMAX Academy t-shirt for volunteering your time.

HYMAX Small Group Leaders will be contacted about acceptance around April 1, 2025. We appreciate your willingness to serve Missouri FFA and inspire youth to be agricultural advocates!

**Save the application to your computer BEFORE filling it out!!**

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HYMAX Academy held at Camp Rising Sun

June 13-15, 2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Summer Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Summer Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:

FFA Chapter/High School Graduated From: \_\_\_\_\_

University Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size:

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. What strengths would you bring as a Small Group Leader for the 2025 HYMAX Academy?

2. What is your personal definition of leadership? Give one specific example when you displayed leadership.

3. Why is it important to inspire others? What steps have you taken or will you take to inspire others?

4. Is Agricultural Advocacy important to teach Agricultural Education students/FFA members? Why or why not? Give an example to defend your stance.

**Please do not forget to include:**

- University Transcript (does not have to be an official copy)
- Two letters of recommendation who know your leadership style and experience

**Mail to:**

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